



FENCES

I. WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED FOR A FENCE?

Permits are required for all fence-type structures in excess of thirty-two inches above grade except fences not over 6 feet in height accessory to one, two and three family dwellings. However, when exempted fences are located in a Historic District, an application must be made for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Screen fences in Environmental Quality Districts are subject to an Environmental Quality review.

II. WHAT CODES/REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE?

All work performed must be in accordance with the Cincinnati Zoning Code, the Cincinnati Building Code, Ohio Building Code and all other applicable laws and ordinances.

Contact the following agency:
Zoning Code Administration - 352-3273

III. HOW DO I OBTAIN A PERMIT?

Complete an application for a permit and submit three copies of plans for review, to the Business Development and Permit Center, 3300 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225. The plans shall include the following:

- A. Plot Plan - (Drawn to scale showing)
 - 1. Property lines (and property dimensions)
 - 2. All existing and proposed structures (for example, fence)
 - 3. North arrow
- B. Miscellaneous Information
 - 1. The maximum height of a fence in a residential district is six feet.
 - 2. The fence should be structurally adequate and constructed on your property (up to the property line but not beyond).
 - 3. The "good" side of your fence may face in any direction (toward your property or away from your property).
 - 4. Section 971.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code states "No person or corporation shall construct or cause to be constructed, a partition fence from barbed wire or electrified wire unless written consent of the adjoining owner is first obtained. Such consent is not necessary for the use of one or two barbed wires, provided that neither is less than forty-eight inches from the ground, and is placed on the top of a fence other than a barbed wire fence.
 - 5. Any walls constructed as fences will need to be accompanied by detailed construction drawings and will be reviewed by the Building Code Plans Examiner (352-3313).

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IV. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY FOR MY PERMIT?

The aforementioned agency will review the application. If the agency has questions or comments, they will contact the person listed on the application. Upon receipt of the necessary approvals, the permit staff will notify the applicant that the permit is ready and the balance of the permit fee will be due.

V. WHAT IS REQUIRED AFTER THE PERMIT IS ISSUED?

All work must be performed in accordance with the Cincinnati Zoning Code, Cincinnati Building Code, Ohio Building Code, and other applicable ordinances. The permit will expire if work is not started, is postponed, abandoned, or an inspection is not requested within one year of the issue date.

VI. INSPECTIONS REQUIRED (24-hour minimum notice)

Contact the Department of Buildings and Inspections:

Residential Property - 352-3275

Commercial or Mixed Use - 352-3267